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Philadelphia, Friday, September 22, 1916. For the hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world. -William Ross Wallace.

Vance McCormick, who was pleased with the result in Maine, gets comfort also out of the Progressive showing in New York.

A man who is broadest at the top—that is, the man with a brain in his skull—is like a wedge. The more pressure is applied from the sides the higher he rises.

It looks as if the rise in the price of sauerkraut were a campaign device to solidify the German vote against the party which promised to reduce the high cost of living.

The prohibitionists are denouncing Wilson because he does not agree with them; but if they denounce him hard enough they may draw from him the same kind of a statement that he made to the suffragists at Atlantic City.

A man at the Frankford Arsenal has invented a bomb which explodes into 815 "serviceable fragments," effective within 600 feet, or anywhere within a circle 1200 feet in diameter. This does the work of preparing Uncle Sam for emergencies to go on.

Mr. Wilson boasted in his speech of acceptance that the Democracy had exempted "labor organizations from the processes of the courts." The courts, however, do not agree with him, for the United States Circuit Court of Appeals in the Eighth District has just decided that labor unions can be held liable in actions to recover damages arising from strikes.

What young rodman and chairman on the Pennsylvania Railroad is looking forward to becoming the president of the system in twenty-five or thirty years? Samuel Rea, who celebrated his sixty-third birthday yesterday, and his fourth year as president of the road, began his service as a rodman when he was sixteen years old and rose to the top by the operation of the law of the survival of the fittest.

Twenty-cent bread is threatened "if something doesn't happen." Not many weeks ago there was a great fuss among the brokers because it seemed that Russia might soon have an outlet for her grain ships through the Dardanelles. That would bring competition for American wheat, and our market broke sharply. Now the bakers are asking for an embargo on the exportation of wheat from this country. The bakers would evidently welcome the opening of the Dardanelles to relieve the situation. The brokers do not express themselves on the subject, probably because they are too busy congratulating themselves that they are not bakers.

One of the surest ways to ruin a boy is to give him \$10,000 a year to spend while he is in college. The president of Lehigh University has just decided that if parents do not know better than to press the way to ruin for their sons he will not be a party to the transaction. He has announced that no student will be allowed to keep an automobile and that the squandering of money on social pleasures will be prohibited. He has called on parents to assist him in conserving the youth by telling them that if their sons do not conform to the rules they are likely to find themselves in trouble before they have been long in college. This is the right sort of talk.

The true meaning of the eight-hour law is clearly interpreted by the growing volume of prates which comes from the Socialist party. Even the Socialist leaders, who, of course, cannot afford to be too generous, as they wish the party to poll a larger vote than ever before, find it hard to withhold from the President's railroad policy their full indorsement. Mr. John Spargo, a leader of the party, gave his O. K. publicly in a speech before the Sherwood Forest colony in Maryland. "The only trouble we find with the law," says the average Socialist, "is that it doesn't go far enough." Are they so sure in their hearts that such legislation would not lead far enough for many of them?

Mr. Hughes, who unlimbered his big guns at Nashville early this month, was using them with telling effect on his second western tour. His destructive analysis of the wage increase law in Springfield was a splendid example of a campaign speech should be. He showed out so clearly that the most ignorant among his hearers could not misunderstand him, that the law did not increase the hours of work of a single workman, and then with stinging denunciations he denigrated it as a piece of government in error. He carried the crowd with him. In Wisconsin he has met the challenge of the Democracy that he dare not urge the repeal of a single one of the laws which it has enacted by characterizing the shipping law as a menace to the merchant marine which could not be repealed too soon, and by declaring that the Underwood tariff law "must be undone if we are to have a sure basis of prosperity in this country." This is the kind of talk that makes votes.

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THAT TRANSIT TAX BOGEY

THOSE who have been reading its political effusions recently will not be surprised that the Record last spring was "unable to understand how the taxpayers were going to spend all the money called for in the big loan bill with any prospect of immediate return." The Record's non-understanding of the most elementary principles of political economy and finance is too pronounced for the public to expect from it a glimmer of intelligence in so simple a matter as rapid transit.

There is not any citizen, we surmise, who is such a fool as to swallow the talk about a ruinous tax rate to pay for transit development. No citizen, if he wanted to, could possibly pay a cent in taxes for rapid transit for some years to come. There cannot be any deficit until the lines have been completed and in operation one year.

The two lines that will be finished first are the Frankford L and the Broad street subway. Nobody yet has advanced the supposition that the Frankford L will not pay its way virtually from the beginning. It will earn money the second year it is operated, and every year thereafter, and everybody knows it. So from this line there is no possibility of a deficit.

Almost as certain of producing revenue is the Broad street subway. Just imagine a high-speed line cutting the heart of Philadelphia from north to south and not paying its way! Why, the present subway-elevated, a dead line though it is at one end, is a good enough revenue-producer to make that forthcoming P. R. T. dividend feasible. Put it down as a fact that the Broad street subway will be earning money after operation for a few years, and long before that—before, in fact, it is completed—the enhancement in realty values induced by it will bring to the city more money than any deficit that can possibly accrue. This increased revenue will be coming in to the municipal treasury for three years before the line itself is in operation.

A great public utility such as rapid transit never ultimately costs any money. Millions have been spent for automobiles, but, as was stated in this newspaper recently, for every dollar spent for a motor-car there has been a corresponding increase in land or other values in the nation. Service creates values just as certainly as a factory creates values when it changes raw material into a finished form.

We have heard all this talk of intolerable taxes before. It is the usual boogey. The municipal gas works were to be a burden to the taxpayer. They never, as a matter of fact, cost the taxpayer one dollar, and they yield the city annually two millions of dollars.

The waterworks were to be a burden to taxpayers. They are not, in fact, costing the taxpayers one single dollar, and they are yielding to the city treasury net not less than one million dollars annually.

The two great public utilities which the city now owns earn net for the city every year not less than three millions of dollars, or more than one-sixth of what is yielded by the tax levy on real estate. For every six dollars the real-estate owner pays for taxes now he would be paying seven dollars were it not that the city owns the water and gas works.

Perhaps the Record can understand that certainly the people understand that their transit lines (and their municipal plants) are going to be revenue-producers instead of revenue-consumers, and their only ultimate cost to citizens is going to be the fares they pay to ride.

LET THE BABIES PAY

THE price of milk is affected by the freight rate because the consumer has to pay all the cost of production, handling and distribution. Every family is therefore intensely interested, whether it knows it or not, in the approaching argument before the Interstate Commerce Commission for the reduction in freight rates on milk by the railroads entering this city. The demand was originally made by the Philadelphia Milk Exchange. It is indorsed by the Chamber of Commerce.

Tom Daly's Column

THE HILLS OF HIGH DESIRE Oh, autumn's in the air today And I must leave my drudging, Must lock my door and run away And go to the hills of high desire.

The wind is whistling in my ears, The yellow leaves are falling, And, spite of all my childish fears, I seek the voice that's calling To where the hills forever stand Above the ripening harvest land— The high hills, the far hills, The hills of my desire.

I know the way is long and drear, While lights at home are shining, But autumn makes the blood run clear And youth is ever pining For some snow-covered mountain peak— And the youth die, still must he seek The high hills, the far hills, The hills of high desire.

BEWARE THE BUNKHOUD!

Serving the City Beautiful He Bites All Unlucky Things Some day, perhaps, we may be almost sorry that we presented this Bunkhound to the city or had anything whatever to do with the creature. He breaks out in such unexpected ways and embarrasses one so. The other day, to save leg-wear, we bought him a little motorcar. When he saw it he behaved most outrageously. He began to tear it to pieces. We took it away and showed him other cars, but either the tires or the cylinders or some other feature always stirred him to terrific growling. Fearing he'd offend our advertisers we locked him up and hastily bought him a little conveyance which made no great claim for itself and was therefore not open to his criticism. Have you seen him on it? A young woman watching him yesterday remarked: "Isn't he just the dearest, cutest thing in the world? I just adore him!" Fortunately he didn't hear her.

PLUMS! PIRATES! THREE!

Our Hope has changed its name to Fear. We thought we saw our title clear, But this defeat the scroll B. Grimes, And down we see go while Brooklyn climbs.

DR. E. J. NOLAN, who for fifty-five years has served as secretary of the Academy of Natural Sciences, tells a good Whitman story. Doc in his younger days read the effusions of the apostle of the unconventional, and decided to meet him. "He was especially struck by the saying, 'Stranger, if you passing meet me and desire to speak to me, why should you not speak to me and why should I not speak to you.'"

Accidentally meeting Walt Whitman on the Atlantic City Boardwalk one day the doctor extended a hand and said, "Mr. Whitman, I'm delighted to have the pleasure of meeting a man of whom my friend John Boyle O'Reilly speaks so highly." "John Boyle O'Reilly is a gentleman," said Whitman, and stalked on.

SOME day when our Bunkhound is not otherwise engaged we may take him back over trails of twenty-odd years ago and let him dig up some musty bones appertaining to this same pompous and very much overrated gay poet of Mickle street, Camden, and points east.

Dear Tom—While Chan Richter is preparing the line-up for your Native Philadelphia B. B. C. why not an excursion into ancient history? Don't you know that the first city had clubs of the beginning of the big leagues, were all composed of citizen taxpayers? No? Well, 't's true. Look it up. HATMAKER.

THE PHILADELPHIA RHYME

Permit me to submit the following perfect rhyme, each syllable in accordance with specification, to be read in accordance with the pronunciation of the Philadelphia Rhyme. It is a rhyme of the "up" class. It rhymes the whole with the whole. (As an echo, of course, will "Adelphi.")

NATIONAL POINT OF VIEW

Mr. Wilson is a mighty good talker, and next year he may, if he will, join in with the Chautauqua brigade.—Knoxville Journal and Tribune.

LET'S GO AN' GET IT UP

A Pennsylvania R. R. handbill begins: Personally-conducted Excursions to NIAGARA FALLS Electrically Illuminated Every Night

"DIDN'T I MAKE THAT FOR YOU WITH MY OWN HANDS?"



THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Two Correspondents Are in Violent Disagreement With Bruce Hawkins's Proposition to Turn the American Navy Over to Great Britain

This Department is free to all readers who wish to express their opinions on subjects of current interest. It is an open forum, and the Evening Ledger reserves the right to use the views of its correspondents. Letters must be signed with the name and address of the writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

CALLS HIM A GERMAN

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—Would you kindly allow an American of British descent (not an Anglo-American) as the pro-Germans like to call us) to inform the Teutonic writer in your correspondence column who signs himself "Bruce Hawkins" that Americans do not speak of Great Britain as the "Motherland," which is a purely Teutonic form. Occasionally we may say "The Mother Country," but never "Motherland." They represent what German papers like Fatherland consider our American opinion toward the Allies are merely to speak certain German statements often made.

DISAGREES WITH HAWKINS

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—It is a matter for regret to any sensible person to read the very silly and unbecoming suggestions of Rufus Choate, James M. Beck or others quoted by Mr. Hawkins in the EVENING LEDGER of the 19th. It is difficult to comment seriously on them, for they are neither patriotic nor sound in principle. Britain is not asking for any such absurd abrogation of this nation's elemental right as to forego her national independence and place herself under the control of a foreign power. We, on this side, could not entertain such a monstrous proposition. Both nations can be friendly to each other, and while their highest aspirations are mutually shared, each must and will live its own separate life to the legitimate profit of each and to the advantage of the rest of mankind. I question if in any of the speeches or writings of Rufus Choate, James M. Beck or others quoted by Mr. Hawkins any such propositions have ever been formulated by any of them.

THE MANN ACT

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—Because the Mann white slave traffic act has been used by blackmailers as an additional lever with which to extract tribute from their victims a demand is raised for its repeal. It is not those who are making the demand know that a man who lays himself liable to prosecution under the act is a tempting victim for the blackmailers, even if there were no Mann act.

THE WORD CLAM

H. R.—The word "clam" and the word "clump" have a common origin and apparently were at one time used interchangeably. The original word for a clam (shellfish) was "clam-shell"—that is a shell the parts of which were clamped together. "Clam" seems to be the older word. It was old English for "clump," which came in about the fifteenth century.

A PRAYER

Summer days so swiftly flying, Linger awhile! Even more do you, when dying, As a lovely thing is fair To the eye when it grows rarer— Just as lips and with sighing, More sweetly smile!

What Do You Know?

Queries of general interest will be answered in this column. Ten questions, the answers to which every well-informed person should know, are asked daily.

- 1. In the tobacco trade, what is meant by "fillets" and "strappers"?
2. Who is Emanuel Lasker?
3. What is the average acre of American States?
4. What is meant by "going around Robin Hood's barn"?
5. If a man buys stock at 88 which pays five percent dividends, what is the actual yearly earnings on his investment?
6. What sense more than any other guides animals in their quest for food?
7. W. F. McCormick is Democratic nominee for Senator from New Jersey. What activities made him a national figure?
8. What part of a house is called the withers?
9. Is the term Quaker a proper title for members of that religious body? What is the origin of the word?
10. How is "archid" pronounced?

GOOD GOLF NEWS

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—As the National Golf Championship fades away into the past congratulations on good work done all around seem to be in order, and in this connection let me say a word for the very excellent reports in the EVENING LEDGER of the event, and the very clever way in which "McNiblick" handled it through your paper, and his handling of golf matters generally in our city.

Boston Common

S. R. L.—Boston Common, a tract of land containing nearly fifty acres, was bought in 1634 by Governor Winthrop and others from William Blackstone, who held his title by right of possession gained prior to the settlement of Boston in 1630, and was set apart for common use as a cow pasture and training field. (2) Soldiers' Monument crowns Bunker Hill, where British artillery was stationed during the siege of Boston, when troops were quartered and entrenched there. From what is now Park square the British embarked on the morning of April 19, 1775. On the Common the British ministered before Bunker Hill. Here mustered contingents for colonial expeditions against Louisiana and Quebec. Here many Massachusetts regiments sufficiently so to entitle to the front in the Civil War. (3) On Beacon street mall, opposite State House, stands the Shaw Monument, by Augustus Saint-Gaudens, a memorial to Colonel Robert G. Shaw and the Fifty-fourth Massachusetts Regiment.

Candelabra of St. Remi

F. M. R.—The bronze candelabra you speak of is known as the candelabra of St. Remi. It was at Rheims before the French Revolution, and the architect, which had been converted into a museum. It had been thought that it was destroyed in the terrible conflagration which ravaged the Cathedral of Rheims and the archiepiscopal palace in September, 1914. But the candelabra has been found recently under a mass of rubbish, not exactly intact, but in all probability sufficiently so to warrant the hope of a successful restoration. The candelabra dates back to the last years of the twelfth or early years of the thirteenth century. It was originally composed of a shaft with light and base consisting of three legs. These legs were formed of three dragons whose heads were fastened out on the ground between two claws, and whose bodies, with broad wings, carried a little smiling rider, a demon or an angel, and whose tails, curling up to the tail of the other dragon, and on the middle of this spiral was rolled up a tiny dragon hanging on with his claws to the tail of the other dragon, and on the back of this little beast also there was miniature cavalier. To right and left of the jaws of the bigger of the monsters two children, a boy and a girl, were kneeling fervently. These three dragons were conjoined by magnificent foliage, whose work is classical and leafage was full of birds and of human figures riding on the shoulders of lions. The base thus formed a homogeneous whole which was of an extraordinary richness.

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz

- 1. An Rhode Island has 1250 and Texas 255-780 acres of land, but the former could be made out of Texas.
2. Robert Morris (1734-1806), a Philadelphia banker, financed the American Revolution.
3. William M. Calder, Republican nominee for United States Senator from New York.
4. Cutlers; maker of women's clothes.
5. It was Lincoln who said "I believe this Government cannot endure permanently half slave and half free."
6. Natives of Naples; Neapolitans.
7. Andante, moderately slow time in music; moderate, rather quicker than andante.
8. Islands of the Pacific Ocean and adjacent seas.
9. "Ferdinand" a ship, literally, in French, something with which to buy French.
10. Catep and katep; they are almost identical words of meaning, which is probably derived from the Chinese "kue-chiap."

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LEGISLATORS FAVOR ARCHER DRUG MEASURE

Philadelphia Assemblymen Heavily in Support of Anti-Narcotic Deterrent Bill State Senators and Representatives of Philadelphia will lend their support to the Archer anti-narcotic drug bill which will be introduced at the next session of the Legislature.

State Senator Richard V. Farley said: "I will give the bill my full support, and will also support an appropriation for an institution for the treatment of drug addicts. Of course it is useless to enact legislation of this kind unless we provide a plan for the unfortunate who have become victims of the narcotic drug habit. There is great need at the present time for good legislation with which to combat the constantly increasing narcotic drug evil."

State Representative Charles J. Honey, Jr., said: "I am greatly in favor of any legislation which will help to cut down usage of habit-forming drugs. I will also support an appropriation for an institution for the treatment of drug addicts." State Representative Isaac Stiers said: "I will do everything in my power to help put this bill through the Legislature. I am sure that the bill should have an adequate institution for the treatment of drug addicts, and I will lend my support to an appropriation for that purpose."

The bill is designed to cope with unscrupulous physicians who write prescriptions for the treatment of drug addicts, and with dealers who sell morphine, heroin and cocaine in the tenderloin and other sections of the city. The bill provides that physicians who desire to treat persons for the drug habit must register with the Board of Health.

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